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SENATOR DODD, MARK EVANS AND JACK BELL WERE SEEN  
ON THE TV SCREEN, AS DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE.

MARK EVANS: "I've never done this on television before, but I cannot commend you highly enough for this speech that you made on the Senate floor. I would like to offer people on this program, who might be tuned in, the availability of this speech, if you write to Senator Thomas Dodd, or the station to which you are now listening, or viewing. I would be very happy to see to it that you get a copy of this speech, because it probably is the most articulate well-rounded and definitive story of the Vietnamese problem I think that has ever come down the pike -- Jack, I hope you agree with that."

SENATOR DODD: "I don't know whether Jack agrees, or not, but I sure do."

(LAUGHTER)

MARK EVANS: "Well it is tremendous. One of the points you make, Senator, is that we have done a bad job in the political war. We have failed to fight back -- we have failed to take the initiative. We're always on the reaction, instead of on the action side. I think you pointed out that we should infiltrate the North Vietnamese with guerrillas --"

SEN. DODD: "Yes, with guerrillas and infiltrators."

EVANS: "You pointed this out some years ago. Nothing's happened --"

SEN. DODD: "I've been talking about it a long time. You know I was over there about four years ago -- I wasn't there very long, and I don't pose as any expert on it, but I was there, and I got a look. You get some 'feel' -- better than before I went, anyway. It's not only true in Viet Nam -- it's true in all these trouble spots. I think it's a failure in our policy -- I think we ought to give back to them what they give to us. Anyway it's a new technique in the struggles in the world."

"Why shouldn't we have free-world infiltrators, and free-world conspirators among the communists? There's nothing more effective

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than a conspiracy of truth."

EVANS: "Have you had any encouragement on this?"

SEN. DODD: "Yes, oh yes -- I'm quite confident that the administration -- if I may put it that way -- thinks that this is right. But I think they've been thinking about it anyway. I'm not suggesting that this is any original idea. It's been talked about by many people."

JACK BELL: "What's the CIA doing in there, if it isn't doing something of this sort?"

SEN. DODD: "I hope it is. I don't think it has done it well enough, and I don't think that it's been effective enough. I think their responsibility, however, is a little different from what I have in mind. As I understand it, I think they're supposed to get information which will be helpful to us. My idea -- I'm sure I didn't make it clear enough -- is that the free world infiltrator would get in and propagandize among the people -- the average Joe, if I may put it that way, in North Viet Nam, and get him actively engaged in one way or another, in impeding the government, in harassing the communist government --"

EVANS: "Build his hopes on what the free world can offer?"

SEN. DODD: "Sure -- I don't know whether the CIA does that or not."

JACK BELL: "Wouldn't that go against the grain, of our being non-aggressive in this situation?"

SEN. DODD: "Well, I suppose if you want to be real technical about it you could say so. But that brings me to a point. I think that freedom requires a kind of aggression. I want to be -- and I think you want to be aggressive about the truth, and about liberty, and about decency. This is what religion's all about -- it's a kind of aggression. Religious people don't take up clubs and guns and sticks and stones -- but they're morally aggressive, and that's what I mean. To denounce sin, and evil, and wrong -- and I think we should."

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